

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING UNION COUNTY SHERIFF KEN JONES

### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Sheriff Ken Jones of Union County for his continued dedication and service to the community. I congratulate him on the 2003 Director's Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his exemplary job in drug and violence prevention.

To the people of Union County and the rest of our state, Sheriff Jones is known as a truly selfless public servant. His experience in law enforcement spans more than 20 years as a deputy sheriff, Arkansas Highway Patrolman, Director of the 13th Judicial Drug Task Force, and now sheriff. His energy and dedication have earned him numerous accolades and honors in the past and ensure his continued success in the noble fight against crime.

Throughout his career, he has truly personified the mission of the Union County Sheriff's Department to "protect the lives and property of all Union County citizens and serve in the most courteous and professional manner possible." In doing so, he has continued to develop and implement many new changes in the sheriff's office, including the modernization of the Sheriff's Office. These efforts have allowed him to better serve the people of Union County and to keep his commitment to keep our communities, schools and families safer for us and our loved ones.

Sheriff Jones has distinguished himself through a sustained commitment to his community. His character is an example of the values we, as parents, teachers, community members, and legislators, hope to instill in our next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I again extend my sincerest congratulations to Sheriff Jones on this distinguished award. I am honored to serve as his Representative in the United States Congress.

## A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF KAYE FORBES

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Kaye Forbes has served the Bayer Employees' Federal Credit Union for 32 years; and

Whereas, Kaye Forbes has been a loyal leader to her co-workers and will continue to be an admired citizen of the community; and

Whereas, Kaye Forbes has served as Vice President of Operations, working to promote the interests of the company and wellbeing of its employees; and

Whereas, Kaye Forbes must be commended for her professionalism and her ability to motivate those around her by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Kaye Forbes's dedication and service will be deeply missed.

Therefore, I join with Members of Congress and Congressional staff in celebrating Kaye Forbes's years of service and retirement from Bayer Employees' Federal Credit Union.

## HONORING GEORGE C. HALE SR., M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CIN- CINNATIAN

### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George S. Hale, Sr., M.D., a distinguished constituent, who will be formally honored on February 26, 2004 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati, one of our region's highest honors. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Born on June 3, 1929 in Detroit, Dr. Hale moved to his mother's hometown of Macon, Georgia when he was four. Growing up in Macon, Dr. Hale cites the benevolence of his mother, an aunt and their family's physician as his significant early influences. His mother, Carlena Jordan Hale, was a social worker during the Depression who took Dr. Hale along as she delivered food and clothing to poor families. His aunt, Junia Jordan Fambro, was a dietitian at Fort Valley State College for 44 years. She helped students with food and financial assistance, and was a loving and supportive example to Dr. Hale. The family's physician, Dr. C.W. Dwyer, was also a role model to him.

After attending Bibb County, Georgia public schools and Macon's Ballard High School, Dr. Hale graduated from Talladega College in Alabama. He returned to Macon and taught math and science for two years at Ballard High School. Although he encountered prejudice and the competition to attend medical school was keen, he was accepted into McHenry Medical College in 1952 and became an extern at Cincinnati's Jewish Hospital in 1955. He graduated in 1956, and returned to Jewish Hospital as an intern at a time when, Dr. Hale says, African American physicians had difficulty finding internships. He became a fellow with the University of Cincinnati Department of Metabolism and Endocrinology, then served at the Dover Air Force Base Hospital in Dover, Delaware. After leaving the Air Force, Dr. Hale opened a private practice in internal medicine that he maintains today.

In 1982, Dr. Hale became only the second African American physician to be elected

president of Cincinnati's Academy of Medicine. He is also past president of the Cincinnati Chapter of the National Medical Association. Devoted to encouraging and mentoring African American medical students and physicians, Dr. Hale has contributed immeasurably to the quality of life in Cincinnati. A founding member of Health Careers and Cancer Family Care, Dr. Hale has also been active with the American Red Cross; the Child Guidance Home; the Health Foundation of the Greater Cincinnati Academy of Medicine; the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Allen Temple A.M.E. Church. He and his wife, Sarah Hale, received Lighthouse Youth Services' Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award; Urban League's Glorifying the Lions Award; and the National Philanthropy Day Award.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Dr. Hale for his service to our community, and congratulate him on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

## HONORING ELDON LESLIE AND HIS SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eldon Leslie for his nearly four decades of service to the Cookeville Area-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. Eldon is retiring as the president and chief executive office of the chamber, a position he has held since 1967.

Eldon's career with the chamber has been remarkable. His leadership and vision have played an integral role in bringing 35 new manufacturing facilities to the Middle Tennessee community of Cookeville and Putnam County. His efforts also helped bring a branch of Nashville State Technical Community College to Cookeville, which strengthened the community's higher education component already anchored by Tennessee Technological University.

Eldon established the chamber's highly successful Adopt-A-School program and helped develop the Cookeville/Putnam County Clean Commission, as well. And as a leading proponent of economic development in the region, Eldon conceived of and developed the "4th State of Tennessee" concept, which promotes industrial development along the Highway 111 corridor.

Through the years, Eldon has been a dedicated and untiring servant to the community. His efforts have been lauded by many and validated through awards too numerous to mention. I salute Eldon for his hard work and contributions that have made Putnam County a better place to live and raise a family. Thanks for a job well done, Eldon, and good luck in your future endeavors.

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JUNCTION CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S  
RECORD-SETTING SEASON

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of December 13, 2003, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, the Junction City High School Dragons team made history by capping off a perfect 15-0 season and winning its first Class AA state football championship. It was celebrated by a community, which braved the winter conditions to see the culmination of a record-setting season. This team personifies the spirit of determination and hard work that has always distinguished Arkansans.

As a parent, I understand the demands that our young people face. As members of the community, we are all aware that education is as important as any other issue we face. Each day, our children learn lessons in the classroom that will prepare them for the days and years ahead, and we work hard to see they are given the tools they need to compete and succeed in life. The success of the Junction City High School football program exemplifies how the lessons learned on the field of competitive athletics can often supplement the education learned in our classrooms. I have long been an advocate of athletics and extracurricular activities as those activities broaden academic excellence by instilling leadership, character, and teamwork in its participants.

At a time when our country needs youth leadership more than ever, this team has answered the challenge and set a course that can serve as an example for us all. Along with the school's first-ever championship, the records compiled by this team are truly impressive: An all-time state scoring record, the longest winning streak in school history, and the most wins in school history. It's about more than records or trophies. Championships are won in the heart as much as on the field. The will to overcome adversity, the daily drive to succeed, and the mental toughness to perform under pressure carried these young men during their championship season, and will provide them with a well to draw from throughout their entire lives.

It brings me a great deal of pleasure to again congratulate the Junction City High School football program on their tremendous season and first-ever Class AA High School Football Championship. We all take pride in you and all you have accomplished.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
RITA DUTTON

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Rita Dutton has devoted herself to serving the Union Local School District for the past eleven and a half years; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton has served as the President of the Union Local School Board in 1996, 1998, and 2003; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton supported the construction of and served as Board President

during the groundbreaking of a new high school and elementary school; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton has given selflessly of her time and talents to improve the quality and facilities of the Union Local School District;

Therefore, I join with the Union Local School District and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Rita Dutton on her retirement from the Union Local School Board.

HONORING OLIVER BIRCKHEAD AS  
A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oliver Birkhead, a dear friend and constituent, who will be formally honored on February 26, 2003 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati, one of our region's highest honors. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Birkhead graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York; Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts; and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Mr. Birkhead says the banking business was really in his blood: his father was the first Supervisor of National Banks in President Taft's administration. In 1937, Mr. Birkhead began his career in the banking business with the Peoples National Bank and Trust Company in White Plains, New York.

After a stint in the U.S. Air Corps, Mr. Birkhead was appointed assistant national bank examiner in the Second District of New York. From 1948 to 1951, he worked for Chemical Bank, then joined Central Trust Company (now PNC Bank) in Cincinnati. At Central Trust, he was elected an officer in 1951 and became executive vice president and director in 1967. In 1968, Mr. Birkhead was involved in the founding of Central Bancorporation and became CEO of its lead bank, The Central Trust Company, a position he held for 17 years. When he became president and later CEO of Central Bancorporation, the company's assets were approximately \$500 million; when he retired in 1988, the company's assets were \$5.2 billion. When Central Bancorporation merged into PNC the result was a \$43 billion regional banking company, and Mr. Birkhead served as vice chairman and director of PNC Bank until he retired in 1989.

Mr. Birkhead's civic accomplishments have touched nearly every facet of Greater Cincinnati. He was a trustee, vice president and executive committee member of the Cincinnati Art Museum, and advisory board member and vice chairman of the Salvation Army. He also served on the boards of the Boy's Club of Cincinnati; the Cincinnati Association for the Blind; and the Cincinnati Council on World Affairs. He has been a leader for Xavier University's Capital Fund Drive; the University of Cincinnati's Annual Business Campaign; the National Conference of Christians and Jews (now the National Conference for Community Jus-

tice); the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; the Cincinnati Business Committee; and the Statue of Liberty Centennial Commission. With several others, he led the original financing that formed the Cincinnati Bengals.

The recipient of many awards for his community service, Mr. Birkhead was honored by Ohio Governor John Gilligan with the Governor's Award for Community Action and by the Urban League. In 1986, he was presented with the Israel Peace Award by the State of Israel.

He is also devoted to his family, and his wife, Jane, is an active and effective volunteer in Greater Cincinnati. All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Mr. Birkhead for his service to our community and congratulate him on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
PUBLIC SERVICE OF TOMMY  
SANFORD

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tommy Sanford for his 22 years of service as the assessor of property in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Tommy was first elected in 1982, and since then, he has never had an opponent. But he has decided to retire from that position at the end of his current term.

During Tommy's tenure, the number of property parcels in the county has more than doubled, and the appraised value of all county property has increased by more than \$10 billion. To keep up with all the work fueled by the county's phenomenal population growth, Tommy's staff has grown from 8 to 33 employees. And he is quick to give his employees credit for the success of his office.

Tommy also organized and supervised the county's reappraisal department and oversaw the implementation of the county's new digitized mapping system. A progressive and dedicated public servant who strives to treat all Rutherford County property owners fairly, he has received more than 40 awards, including the 1989-90 Tennessee's Outstanding County Official.

His unflinching dedication and tireless service to the county will be sorely missed. I congratulate Tommy on his outstanding career in public service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF LOUIS L.  
RAMSAY, JR.

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to rise in honor of the life and legacy of Louis L. Ramsay, Jr. who passed away at the age of 85. Louis Ramsay, Jr. was born in 1918 in Fordyce, Arkansas, in rural Dallas County. Through his lifetime, Louis distinguished himself as a husband, father, businessman, and church and community leader.

He was a truly selfless public servant and a leader in law and banking who sought to improve the lives of those in the community and state he called home.

Louis led a remarkable life of both energy and dedication and it was readily apparent to those around him. From his days on the playing fields as a University of Arkansas quarterback to his distinguished air combat service over the battlegrounds of World War II, Louis developed a steadfastness, discipline and vision well beyond his years. He carried those traits on to law school and eventually the Arkansas Business Hall of fame.

Whether Louis was working as a lawyer or bank president, or serving his Governor or alma mater, the scope of his involvement is apparent as he holds the distinction of the only individual in state history to serve as president of both the Arkansas Bar Association and the Arkansas Bankers Association.

Although his professional achievements speak volumes, his influence transcends the business community as he continually made a priority of helping others through volunteer service and civic activities. As a member of a small community, I know what men like Louis mean to their neighbors. For Louis, the citizens of Pine Bluff showed their appreciation by naming him the "City's Most Influential Citizen" in 1989. This honor recognized both the significant economic impact he provided the communities of Pine Bluff and Southeast Arkansas as well as the tireless devotion and strength of character he displayed. He was truly an example for us all.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Joy; his son, Richard; and his daughter, Joy. I extend my sincerest sympathies to them and hope we can all find some solace in the realization that the spirit and legacy of Louis Ramsay lives on in each of us.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THOMAS PATRICK FLANNERY

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 87, and his family and friends in congratulating Thomas Patrick Flannery as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILLIAM K. SCHUBERT,  
M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CIN-  
CINNATIAN

### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William K. Schubert, M.D., a distinguished leader, who will be honored on February 26, 2004 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati, one of our region's highest honors. The recipients of this prestigious honor are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

As president and CEO of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Dr. Schubert steered it from a small facility with four operating rooms to one of the top five pediatric medical centers in the Nation and designation by the American College of Surgeons as a Level 1 pediatric trauma center. During the 1970s, Dr. Schubert led a centralization of the region's pediatric care into a single medical center at Children's Hospital.

A Cincinnati native, Dr. Schubert graduated from Walnut Hills High School, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Interested in science and influenced in childhood by the family's doctor, he made the decision in high school to later attend medical school. After completing an internship at Indiana University Medical Center, he returned to Cincinnati and served a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in hematology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

In 1996, Dr. Schubert retired after 33 years of service to Children's Hospital, including 13 years as head of the medical center. Dr. Schubert has held many key leadership positions, such as founder and director of the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology; chief of staff, director of the pediatric residency training program; director of Children's Hospital Research Foundation; physician executive director; and chairman of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He is a diplomat in the American Board of Pediatrics. Today, Dr. Schubert is professor emeritus of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati and serves Children's Hospital Medical Center as a consultant.

In our community, Dr. Schubert was instrumental in the successful effort to expand Cincinnati's property tax levy for indigent care to include children. He has been involved in the Rotary Club of Cincinnati; the Babies' Milk Fund; the Center for Quality Leadership; and the Ohio Association of Children's Hospitals. I had the privilege of serving with Dr. Schubert on the board of the Springer School in Cincinnati. Dr. Schubert is the recipient of Children's Hospital Medical Center Board of Trustees' William Cooper Procter Medallion; the Cincinnati Pediatrics Society Founder's Award; and the University of Cincinnati's Daniel Drake and Distinguished Alumni Awards.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area are grateful to Dr. Schubert for his service to our community, and congratulate him on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

PERSON OF THE YEAR—SGT  
MARQUETTE WHITESIDE

### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor SGT Marquette Whiteside, a 24-year-old resident of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. SGT Whiteside was active in the Red Cross and the 4-H Club. Upon graduation from Watson Chapel High School, he took a job while he waited to hear from the military. Once accepted, SGT Whiteside trained in Germany where he specialized in weapons artillery.

Time Magazine's honoree for 2003 Person of the Year is the American Soldier, and SGT Whiteside was chosen to be profiled. SGT Whiteside is a member of Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion in the 1st Armored's 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. There is no soldier more deserving of this honor than SGT Whitefield. Scheduled to be relieved of duty in early 2004, SGT Whiteside signed on for an additional 3 years with the Army, with just a 6-month break between tours.

My sincere gratitude and deep appreciation go to SGT Marquette Whiteside, a man who has dedicated himself to protecting his country in the noblest sense.

I am honored to represent this fine soldier in the U.S. House of Representatives. Not just a soldier, SGT Whiteside is also a son, a brother, and a father. My thoughts and prayers are with Marquette's mother, Catherine; his two brothers, and his 6-year-old, daughter, Brashawn, who all anxiously await his permanent and safe return home.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES E. CARNES

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, James E. Carnes served the people of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Senate for 8 years; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has served as Chairman of the Senate's Finance Committee, overseeing the state budget; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes is currently the longest serving member of the Ohio State Senate; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has used his position within the Ohio Senate to help better the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has been appointed to continue his service to the citizens of Ohio as the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes must be commended for his dedication to improving the state of Ohio and his willingness to continue this service through his new appointment.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating James E. Carnes's 8 years of service in the Ohio State Senate and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

TRIBUTE TO WILFRED EUGENE  
TICKNER UNITED STATES ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Wilfred Eugene Tickner of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On January 3, 2004, Mr. Tickner retired after serving the people of this Great Nation for over 42 years.

Eugene Tickner is a talented engineer, who spent his career improving our Nation's infrastructure and ensuring that projects vital to our coastal areas are completed. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Tickner's contributions to our Nation have not gone unnoticed. He has been honored with the Engineer Regiment Bronze de Fleury Medal, two Commander's Awards for Civil Service, several Exceptional Performance Commendations, and the Division Commander's Award for EEO.

As Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management of the Wilmington District United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Tickner served the people with his involvement in many of the civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. His innovative and unifying approach to solving problems has resulted in the timely completion of many projects that, without his involvement, may not have been possible. It is because of the dedication, determination, and leadership of Mr. Tickner that the people, animals, and ecosystems of the areas covered by the Wilmington District continue to flourish. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Wilfred Eugene Tickner our sincere appreciation for his 42 years of committed service to our Nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSON HIGH  
SCHOOL BLACK HISTORY TOUR  
GROUP

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Jackson High School Black History Tour Group, a unique student organization started 10 years ago in my district that endeavors to share Black history and culture with the State of Michigan and the entire Nation.

In 1994, Jackson High School teacher Shirley Pitts recognized a desire among her students to learn and actively teach others about Black history. Though it began as a humble, once-a-year school program, her idea quickly grew into a year-round celebration of heritage and culture.

The Black History Tour Group is comprised of more than 30 students who travel to different schools, community organizations, and

events. These students perform in a variety of artistic media including songs, poetry, dramatic readings, and theatrical sketches. They are some of the brightest, most talented members of their class, and they all share a deeply founded interest in Black history. Group members devote a great deal of their time and effort to their rehearsals and performances, but they are also active in many other ways at school and throughout their community.

Since its inception, the Black History Tour Group has been gaining both popularity and recognition. Among its distinguished highlights, the Group performed before the Michigan State Senate in 1997, in the East Room in the White House in 1998, and at the Presidential Inauguration in 2001, as one of only 3 groups to represent the State of Michigan.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am very pleased to recognize the Jackson High School Black History Group for its first 10 years of excellence in the promotion of Black culture and heritage. We praise you for your dedication and hard work.

TRIBUTE TO GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in honor of Gwendolyn E. Boyd, the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for her service and dedication as a community leader and volunteer. The members of the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will gather with Ms. Boyd on January 31, 2004 for the 91st anniversary of the founding of this honored sisterhood.

Ms. Boyd, a hardworking and motivated woman, is an inspiration and role model to all. She received her B.S. degree in Mathematics with a double minor in Physics and Music from Alabama State University. She thereafter pursued her Masters of Science degree at Yale University. Today, she is an engineer and the Assistant for Development Programs at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Committed to her work, Ms. Boyd nonetheless remains compassionate to the numerous community service organizations with which she is actively involved. She is a member of Leadership Washington, an organization committed to improving the quality of life in the Greater Washington Region and is actively involved with the Children's Research Institute of Children's National Medical Center. She is the founding chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Non-Profit Strategic Planning and Community Leadership and also served as President of the Board of Directors of United Way of the National Capital Area. A dynamo of a public servant, she also actively participates with The Links, Inc., the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women and many other organizations.

Unselfish in her endeavors, Ms. Boyd can be found motivating others through inspirational speeches and workshops around the country. She routinely gives lectures on positive growth and the development of youth; conducts career development seminars; and often provides words of wisdom at commencement speeches to our future leaders.

It is no surprise to me that Ms. Boyd has been acknowledged and honored for her service and commitment on many occasions and by various organizations. I know that all my colleagues join with me in honoring her today and wishing her every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN ALLEN  
POEHLER FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Allen Poehler, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the twelve years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. Kevin is also a Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin planned and installed a brick driveway entrance and sidewalk for the Cameron Depot Station for the Historical Preservation Society of Cameron, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Allen Poehler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER  
893, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Chapter 893 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), located in Springfield, Virginia.

NARFE is a multi-tiered, political, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving the earned retirement benefits of all Federal civilians. Membership eligibility includes current, former, and retired Federal civilians, as well as their spouses and survivor annuitants. Chapter 893 is one of over 1600 NARFE chapters nationwide.

From December 1963 to October 2003, the Springfield Chapter grew from 14 to 1,793 members, making it the fifth largest NARFE chapter. The majority of Chapter 893 members reside in the Springfield area; however, nearly 200 members reside outside Virginia, with two members in the Netherlands and Canada, respectively.

Over the years, Chapter 893 has become one of the most active in NARFE. It long has

been and continues to be dynamic, progressive, and energetic, overcoming every challenge it faces. Chapter members have had a strong voice in many national and local legislative issues.

The Springfield Chapter approaches all issues in a realistic and humanitarian manner. Its members have worked tirelessly for the benefits of Federal retirees and all elderly, cooperating with local, State, and Federal agencies to do so.

While Chapter 893 always has placed emphasis on fulfilling primary NARFE functions, its members have not neglected local community needs. Chapter 893 members have volunteered countless hours at hospitals, libraries, blood drives, meals on wheels, and local elections. Beginning in 1987, Chapter members most generously have contributed to Alzheimer's Research, the charity of choice by NARFE nationwide. They participate in dollars and miles to the local area Alzheimer's Memory Walk, bringing in roughly \$1,000 each year.

Over the course of its successful history, the Springfield Chapter has benefited from many dynamic, accomplished leaders. Several past presidents have been elected as officers or appointed committee chairs of the NARFE Virginia Federation of Chapters. Others have served in civic, professional, or fraternal organizations locally. Most notable are the accomplishments of past presidents David F. Sullivan, Vincent Agnelli, and Milton Kramer. Past President Sullivan was elected NARFE National Secretary in 2000 and 2002. Past President Agnelli served on an ad hoc committee influential in the 1993 Virginia State Supreme Court litigant tax refund issue. And Past President Kramer played a major role in organizing the Northern Virginia Caucus of Chapters.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Chapter 893 on 40 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chapter members' past accomplishments and in wishing Chapter 893 the best of luck in the many years to come.

PASSAGE OF S. 877 BY UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT ON DECEMBER 8, 2003

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 877—the CAN SPAM Act of 2003—and urge my colleagues to accept the technical changes made by the Senate. I also rise in an effort to provide clarification for our nation's professional, trade, and non profit associations who may be unintentional victims of the Congress's efforts to control the fraudulent and abusive practices of spam email through the CAN-SPAM Act.

Trade associations have long provided representation for most of America's industries such as telecommunications, insurance, banking, realty, and transportation, just to name a few. Individuals or businesses that opt to join these associations do so in large part because of the outstanding benefits afforded to them, including reduced professional insurance pre-

miums, continuing education opportunities, legislative awareness seminars, and conventions. While most of these opportunities are offered at a price, the cost is set at a greatly reduced rate than might otherwise be offered to non-members, primarily to offset operating costs, but also as a means of contribution to the furtherance of the association's non-profit status.

As a matter of expediency, trade associations often communicate with their membership through email, as this method is the fastest, most convenient, and most cost-effective process for both the associations themselves and the members with whom the associations communicate. These emails are a valuable element of membership privileges agreed to by the member upon joining, as they keep the member apprised of upcoming events, industry-related products, and legislative alerts. These emails are restricted to circulation within the membership only, and excluding the general public. It is my belief that association members have essentially opted-in to the receipt of these emails by virtue of their membership, and that these emails would fall under the definition of "transactional emails" that S. 877 contains. Therefore, email between a professional or trade association and its members should be a protected and mutually agreed-to line of communication and is hence not included in the definition of spam in the CAN SPAM Act of 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to call attention to Section 5(a)(3)(C), which provides an exception for not being able to receive the commonly-referred-to "unsubscribe messages" from commercial email recipients in circumstances where there are technical problems beyond the control of the sender. Although I'm sure that legitimate commercial email senders will make every effort to fully comply with the stipulations of this bill and receive unsubscribe emails whenever they are sent, I believe that the authors of this legislation understand that there may be short periods of time during which the sender is unable to receive unsubscribe messages because of necessary technical maintenance to the email systems receiving such unsubscribe messages.

Additionally, where Section 7(b) of the bill provides that banking agencies have enforcement authority over their respective financial services providers, it is my hope that the Federal Trade Commission will coordinate with the various regulators of banking agencies in its efforts to implement the rules called for in this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased with the important bill we have before us today. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this consumer protection and anti-fraud bill, and to quickly send it to the President for his signature.

HONORING FAIRFAX COUNTY  
BRANCH OF THE NAACP FOR  
THEIR COMMEMORATION OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfax County Branch of

the NAACP for their effort to honor one of our nation's most treasured heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Together with members from throughout our community, the Fairfax County NAACP has used the anniversary of Dr. King's birthday to commemorate the life and legacy of this great American.

The Fairfax County NAACP has used the teachings and life of Dr. King as inspiration to end the hatred of racism throughout the county and to celebrate the diversity that is common to this vibrant community. Through their efforts they have helped those who have faced discrimination find justice and have encouraged everyone to envision a world without intolerance.

It is important that we honor and celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. King and how he helped our nation deal with the hatred that had threatened to destroy us. By coming together to celebrate his birthday we are honoring a man who gave our nation a new hope that we can all live together. I am certain the celebration that the Fairfax County NAACP is hosting will do justice to the legacy of this great man.

However, we must celebrate what Dr. King taught us not just on his birthday, but every day. Every American should take the time to help their neighbor, enlighten a friend whose mind has been clouded with prejudice, and commit their lives to making the United States the true beacon of justice in the world. We must continue to live by the words of Martin Luther King and "make justice a reality for all of God's children."

We must all strive to achieve the dream that Dr. King imagined for his children, so that our children's children will live in a world free from racism, discrimination and hatred.

I applaud the Fairfax County NAACP for hosting this commemoration of Dr. King's life, a life cut short, but whose ideas, dreams and hopes continue to inspire our lives every day. I am pleased that they are using this opportunity to bring a beacon of light and hope to our community and share the legacy of Dr. King.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEOPLES  
BANK ON 94TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of Peoples Bank throughout its 94 years of service in the Northwest Indiana community. To commemorate this special occasion, Peoples Bank will be holding an anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Peoples Bank was established in 1910, and was organized to meet the needs of consumers. Peoples Bank was originally known as The First Polish National Building and Loan Association. During that time, it was the main hub for church and social activities in East Chicago, Indiana. Over several decades, the association's name changed numerous times, and in 1989 it was entitled Peoples Bank.

Peoples Bank was the first savings and loan association to ever receive a federal charter in East Chicago after the Great Depression. In the 1950s, the bank played an integral role in assisting former servicemen to build or purchase homes through G.I. Loans. At this time, Peoples Bank expanded its access to the Northwest Indiana community by moving into a multi-office operation. The Woodmar section of Hammond was chosen as the second office location along Indianapolis Boulevard.

It was during the 1960s that Peoples Bank added another branch location in Merrillville. Due to the success of these initial offices, additional branches were established in the area including Dyer, Munster, Schererville, and a second Merrillville office. In the year 2000, Peoples Bank opened its eighth branch location in Hobart.

Peoples Bank's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Mr. David Bochnowski, has served as the leader for the organization since 1981, after serving on the board since 1977. Through his guidance, along with all the hard work of the staff, Peoples Bank has continued to be an active force in providing superior customer service and assistance to all of Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Peoples Bank on their 94th anniversary. Their many great accomplishments and hard work throughout the years is worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING DR. LEON AND FAYE  
STEINBERG

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to Dr. Leon and Faye Steinberg as they are honored with the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas' Hank Greenspun Founders Award. The Steinbergs will be presented with this award on February 8, 2004, at the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas Champions of Freedom Dinner Gala.

The Hank Greenspun Founders Award honors those who have been instrumental in the creation, growth, and future of the Las Vegas Jewish community. The Steinbergs epitomize all of these qualities. They have spent most of their lives enriching the Jewish community and I would like to thank them for their contributions to Southern Nevada and our Nation.

The Steinbergs are originally from San Antonio, Texas, and like thousands of people each year moved to Las Vegas in 1958, where Leon became the first radiologist at Sunrise Hospital. From the first day of their arrival in Las Vegas they have volunteered to make our community a better place by serving in the leadership of their synagogue and helping meet the religious needs of our community. The Steinbergs also helped establish the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas, which raises awareness of the important contributions that the Southern Nevada Jewish Community has made to our state and country, and champions freedom and human rights around the world. Leon and Faye have been especially active in

building strong ties between Las Vegas and Israel, and have worked to bring relief to victims of terrorism in Israel.

I am pleased to call the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives to the well-deserved selection of Dr. Leon and Faye Steinberg for the Hank Greenspun Founders Award, and I thank them for having given so much of themselves to make the world a better place.

RULE PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DURING CONGRESSIONAL RECESS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, in March 2003, the House Small Business Committee convened a hearing to review a prospective rule from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This rule was intended to alter the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

During the past 2 years, HUD has been working to simplify the real estate settlement process. Their goal is to produce a uniform packaged pricing concept for consumers that incorporates all pricing elements including home inspections, title insurance, and interest rates.

During the March 2003 hearing, HUD officials testified to the Small Business Committee regarding different elements of this initially proposed rule. Much attention focused on the inadequacy of the economic impact study contained within the rule, particularly with respect to the effect on small businesses nationwide. After fielding questions from nearly every Member seated on the Committee, HUD agreed to give additional consideration and possible revision to their prospective rule.

It became evident during review of the initially proposed rule that it would be a step in the wrong direction. Consequently, it had no support from the real estate and mortgage industries, as well as little support from consumer advocacy groups.

During the process leading up to last spring's hearing, the Department of Housing and Urban Development was forthcoming about details of the rule prior to last spring's hearing. But since then, HUD has been virtually silent about changes, despite receiving tens-of-thousands of pages of comments during the extended review period.

Mr. Speaker, it troubles me that, as of late, HUD has been stonewalling Congressional inquiries by not responding to suggested comments, as indicated, and to questions asked during the hearing.

Surprisingly during the recent Congressional winter recess, and without notice to Congress regarding the nature of any changes, HUD submitted their final rule to the President's Office of Management and Budget in December 2003.

Now, executive privilege prevents Congress and the public from reviewing the final rule. While it is HUD's prerogative to forward this rule during Congress' recess, this instance clearly circumvents the intent of congressional

oversight for departmental and agency rule-making.

Depending on the contents of this final rule, the largest of the market lenders may seek to establish exclusive relationships with real estate service providers, such as home inspectors, title insurers, mortgage brokers, or real estate agents.

Home inspectors, for instance, would be forced to accept below market pricing for their inspection services, or face difficulty finding work.

Furthermore, large and small businesses alike would spend millions of dollars to change forms and reformat their disclosures, losing valuable time being retrained to present a product they already produce ethically and efficiently. This does not make sense.

Ultimately, consumers would be left with limited choices and higher prices. Smaller businesses unable to compete, due to a lack of sufficient resources, would be forced to close their doors.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage OMB to make the right decision on this delicate matter and to operate transparently and deliberately when considering rule proposals. The opportunity to purchase a home through easy and equitable transactions may be lost for many, should this final rule become published.

RECOGNIZING MS. DELSA BUSH AS  
THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE OF  
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent promotion of Ms. Delsa Bush as the new police chief of West Palm Beach, Florida. Chief Bush is the first African American and first woman to serve in this prestigious and demanding position.

Through honesty, hard work and determination, Chief Bush has risen from a childhood of poverty in the Mississippi Delta to a very prominent position in the criminal justice field. Though others might have given up when faced with the many challenges she has had to overcome, Delsa Bush never took her eyes off of her goal. As a result of her strong will and optimistic attitude, she graduated college, continued on to receive her Master's degree and is currently pursuing her Doctorate.

Mr. Speaker, as previously mentioned, Chief Bush is West Palm Beach's first black and first female police chief, as well as one of few black women police chiefs in America. Courage and excellence are just two of many words of praise that have been used to describe this remarkable law enforcement professional. Delsa Bush is an excellent role model and someone whom we can all be proud.

I am delighted that Chief Bush lives and works in my Congressional District. It is an honor and a privilege to represent such a great American. I say on behalf of the House of Representatives, Chief Bush, congratulations. You are a true hero!

IN TRIBUTE AND APPRECIATION  
OF SALLY TIBBETTS

**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a loyal member of my staff, Sally Tibbetts, as she leaves Washington for warmer climates and to pay tribute to her dedication and commitment before this body of Congress.

Sally has been on my staff since 1997 and has performed ably and consistently during her time with me. As a public spokesperson before the media and countless community organizations, I could have had no better assistant to help positively present my agenda on behalf of all New Hampshire's citizens.

Her distinguished record as a journalist and Press Secretary for Congressman Bill Zeliff (NH-01) before joining my staff demonstrated her talent. On behalf of New Hampshire's Second District, her work and success with media outlets as diverse as the Manchester Union Leader and Concord Monitor; Milford Cabinet and Keene Sentinel; WMUR and NH Public Television; and WOKQ, WEVO, and WZID have proven her skill.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to Sally's service to New Hampshire and the nation. I am extremely honored to consider her and her husband Gary as friends and wish them the best of luck in their new lives far—but not far in spirit—from the Granite State.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE  
OF NIGHTRIDERS, INC.

**HON. BOB BEAUPREZ**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, the occasion on which I rise today is to recognize the importance of one small business based in my home state of Colorado. This business has provided Colorado with an innovative private sector concept that demonstrates social-minded entrepreneurship by assisting in our nation's fight against drunk driving.

Each year, seventeen thousand Americans die in alcohol-related traffic accidents and over six hundred thousand are injured. While Congress has made numerous efforts to reduce the number of these tragedies, private sector industries and community leaders perform a vital role to stop drinking and driving. One such company leading the fight against this tragic and avoidable threat is NightRiders, Inc.

Located in Boulder, Colorado, NightRiders was created by three pioneering young men who wanted to reduce impaired driving and its tragic consequences. Founders Gary Calnan, Brad Dickerhofe, and Carl Grodnik implemented NightRiders to operate on a simple, but effective business plan that gives individuals peace of mind and the freedom to get home safely without risking lives. NightRiders provides such a valuable service that it enjoys the endorsements of local businesses and law enforcement officials.

Let me take a moment to explain how they operate. A dispatched driver on a folding mo-

torized scooter meets you at your automobile, places the scooter in the trunk, drives you home, and the driver gets back on the scooter to assist the next customer.

Recently, NightRiders was recognized by the National Commission Against Drunk Driving (NCADD) and received the 2003 Corporate Leadership Award. Past recipients of the Corporate Leadership Award from the NCADD include Liberty Mutual Group (2002), The Century Council (2001), Kmart Corporation (2000) and Daimler Chrysler (1999). By presenting this award to NightRiders, the NCAAD is recognizing the potential for the NightRiders solution to affect real change in the problem of drinking and driving on a national scale.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and the NCAAD in commending NightRiders for their efforts and vision to reduce the senseless tragedies associated with drunk driving.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. GLORIA  
NILSON

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary individual, Gloria Nilson whose professional accomplishments are equally matched by her generous and selfless contributions to the community in the areas of education, the arts and culture. Just this past year, on December 6, 2003, the Monmouth University Library Association honored Ms. Nilson, awarding her with their 2003 Community and Humanities Award.

It is clear to me that Ms. Nilson is truly deserving of this award because of her dedication and diligence with every project that she has taken on. Being regarded as a pioneer in a field where few women were even licensed to sell real estate, Ms. Nilson is widely recognized in the state of New Jersey, and nationally as one of the state's top-ranking Realtors.

Remarkably, Ms. Nilson began her career carrying a typewriter in the trunk of her car to draw up contracts and close sales for clients. After being ranked Number 1 in the state of New Jersey for residential real estate volume by the New Jersey Real Estate Board for four consecutive years, she started Gloria Nilson Realtors in 1977. As Executive Vice President, Director of Luxury Homes for Gloria Nilson Realtors/GMAC Real Estate, she is the exclusive affiliate for Sotheby's International Realty for the Greater Monmouth County area, and in 2000, placed third in the country for GMAC.

Notable among her numerous affiliations and philanthropic activities; Ms. Nilson is the founding board member of the Women's Council for the Cancer Center at Monmouth Medical Center, she is also the first woman to be named chairperson of the Business Council at Monmouth University's School of Business. Widely recognized for her outstanding contributions both professionally and personally, her awards include the Monmouth Girl Scouts Council 2001 Women of Distinction Award, the Monmouth Ocean Development Council's 1996 Silver Gull Award for Business Achievement, and the 2000 Community Service Award for GMAC Real Estate, which is now given annually in the name of Gloria Nilson.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ms. Gloria Nilson on her Community and Humanities Award and offer her the highest praise for her professional achievements, as well as her civic contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 8, I was unable to vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 465, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (rollcall 672); on agreeing to H. Res. 465 (rollcall 673); on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 473, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 2673 (rollcall 674); on agreeing to H. Res. 473 (rollcall 675); on passage of H.R. 2673, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2004 (rollcall 676); and on a motion to lay on the table, H. Res. 474, a resolution regarding a question of the privileges of the House regarding rollcall 669 (rollcall 677). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all measures.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT PARKS  
DAILEY, WHO AFTER 34 YEARS  
OF SERVICE IS RETIRING AS  
THE CLOVERDALE, CALIFORNIA  
POLICE CHIEF

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cloverdale Police Chief Robert Parks Dailey, who is retiring after 34 years of service to his community.

Chief Dailey has spent all of his adult life in law enforcement. He began his career as a Senior Patrol Officer with the Berkeley, California Police Department in 1970 and spent nine years on the force during one of the most tumultuous periods in this city's colorful history.

He joined the Cloverdale Police Department as a Sergeant in 1979 and quickly advanced through the ranks. He was promoted to Lieutenant, a rank he held until 1987, when he became the Chief of Police. In 1993, his title was changed to Director of Public Safety when the Cloverdale Fire Department was added to his command. When the Fire Department hired a full time Chief in 1996, he reacquired the rank of Chief of Police, a position he held until December 31, 2003.

During his tenure with the Cloverdale Police Department, he automated the police records system, restructured the Department for clearer lines of authority and responsibility, implemented a remodeling of the Department, and oversaw the Department's participation in the county-wide Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System/Mobile Data Computer Program.

Chief Dailey is a member of the California Peace Officer's Association, the California Police Officers Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chiefs Association (where he served two terms as President) and the Santa Rosa Training Center Advisory Committee. He also represented the California Police Chief's Association on the State Association of Chiefs of Police Committee.

Chief Dailey also served his community as a member and Past President of the Cloverdale Rotary Club, President of the Cloverdale Citrus Fair Board of Directors, and a member of the Cloverdale Eagles Boosters Club and Cloverdale Project Graduation Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Dailey is a dedicated public servant who plans to spend his retirement years working with the League of California Cities Interim Chief of Police program, traveling, and improving his golf handicap. It is appropriate that we honor him today.

#### TRIBUTE TO ED McVANEY

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to an outstanding patriot from my home state of Colorado. My friend, Ed McVane, is currently in Iraq where he has placed himself in harm's way to assist the citizens of that nation in their recovery from three and a half decades of tyrannical oppression. It is my pleasure to call the attention of this body of Congress to the bravery and heroism of this great American.

Ed recently retired as CEO of the J.D. Edwards Corporation in Denver. During Ed's tenure, J.D. Edwards grew to become Colorado's largest software company. Under his watch, the company played a major role in promoting the health of Colorado's economy. J.D. Edwards employed five thousand Coloradans and kept our state at the forefront of the technology industry.

Ed's journey to Iraq began as the result of a discussion he had with Congressman Bob Schaffer last May. When the Congressman proposed the trip, Ed's patriotic nature shone through and he accepted without hesitation. In Iraq, Ed spends each day working tirelessly to help the country rebuild its ravaged economic infrastructure. Ed is truly utilizing his vast expertise and tremendous work ethic for the betterment of those desperately in need.

Ed currently lives in a 10-foot by 10-foot travel trailer near one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces. He spends each day working tirelessly to help the people of Iraq rebuild their homeland. It is truly an admirable human being who is willing to sacrifice his comfortable retirement to risk life and limb to assist others. Ed's commitment to this project is far from a symbolic gesture; he has made a commitment to remain in Iraq for an entire year.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise and call the attention of this body of Congress and our nation to Ed McVane. Ed has done a great deal for the betterment of the state of Colorado, the United States, and the people of Iraq. He has done all this while happily serving

as a wonderful husband, a tremendous father and a loyal friend to many. I am proud of Ed and it is my honor to recognize him here today.

#### RECOGNIZING COMPLETION AND OPENING OF DIAMOND TRAINING CENTER

#### HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the completion and grand opening of the Diamond Training Center, a 30,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, baseball and softball practice center, located in Warrendale, PA. I am happy to see the spirit of entrepreneurship flourishing in the congressional district that I represent.

The training center will combine traditional baseball practice methods with new technology such as the Pro Batter—a newly developed improvement upon the traditional style of batting cages. Management anticipates that the center will service nearly 10,000 patrons per year; including, but not limited to, little league, high school, and local college teams, and even a potential minor league franchise.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join with me in recognizing the grand opening of this new enterprise. I am proud to have the Diamond Training Center in my district, where it will not only stimulate the economy but also will provide a functional athletic facility for the residents of Western Pennsylvania.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF MOTHER DEOLA BOOKER

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mother Deola Booker, a dedicated community leader and an exceptional gospel singer, who passed away recently. She was an active member of the Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Congregation in Seaside, California, for over twenty years.

Her dedication to her church was matched only by her dedication to her community, for which she received numerous awards and recognition. Among them was a certificate of recognition for her work with the Monterey County Department of Social Services Children's Services presented by me on behalf of the California Legislative Assembly in 1991. She was also a well-known and well-loved musician, gracing those who knew her with her amazing voice and talented piano playing. She shared this love of music with others through her work directing choirs, as well.

Mother Booker will be greatly missed by the many that knew her, were helped by her, or who shared in her love and kindness to all people. Those who were touched by her will forever remember her spirit of service and faith.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB BEVERLY

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to my friend Bob Beverly. Throughout his life, Bob has done a tremendous amount for the sport of skiing and the people of our home state of Colorado. Each day, Bob shares his joy for life with others and it is my honor to rise and call the attention of my colleagues to his many contributions.

Bob was born in Steamboat Springs, and it was there that his lifelong passion for skiing began. While in high school, Bob was an alpine ski racer and a member of the renowned Steamboat Springs High School Marching Band on Skis. After high school, Bob attended the University of Denver, where he was active in the promotion of skiing as a collegiate sport. In fact, Bob's work was instrumental in the University sanctioning skiing as a varsity sport.

After leaving the University of Denver, Bob continued his dedication to skiing when the National Ski Area Committee appointed him as its Chairman. In this capacity, Bob played a key role in influencing the National Collegiate Athletic Association's recognition of skiing as an official sport. Later, Bob helped to pioneer the skiing industry in Mesa Creek, Grand Mesa and my hometown of Glenwood Springs.

Bob has dedicated a great deal of time to the promotion of skier safety. He has organized chapters of the National Ski Patrol, created a volunteer patrol program and has passed his knowledge along to countless instructors and patrolmen. Bob has also worked tirelessly to share his love for skiing with young people. He developed a statewide youth ski program, and continues to dedicate time to sharing his love for skiing with children. Bob's dedication to his sport has not gone unnoticed. In 1965, he was awarded the Halstead Memorial Award by the United States Ski Association and, in 2000, he was inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. Bob has always used skiing as a means to better the lives of countless people.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to call the attention of this body of Congress to the contributions of Bob Beverly. Hundreds of young people have had their lives enhanced as the result of Bob's tireless enthusiasm, zest for life and altruistic nature. Bob has managed to do all of this while happily serving as a tremendous husband, father, and friend to many. It is a true honor to count Bob among my close friends.

#### CONGRATULATING WOODBURY, MINNESOTA, ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE NATION'S HOTTEST CITY UNDER 100,000 PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL UNITED STATES

#### HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor William

Hargis, the City Council and all the residents of Woodbury, Minnesota, on Woodbury's recognition as the nation's hottest city under 100,000 people in the central United States by Money Magazine.

Since 1990, Woodbury's population has grown by 153 percent, it boasts lower than average property taxes, 1,600 acres of parklands, a low crime rate and a recently completed indoor park with a playground and waterfalls.

Originally named Red Rock, the first settlers came to Woodbury in 1844 and established a farming community. Today, Woodbury is one of the fastest growing suburbs in the Twin Cities area. It is home to many large businesses, but also 75 miles of trails and attractive neighborhoods for families of all sizes.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all Minnesotans I would like to congratulate the citizens of Woodbury on receiving this distinction by Money Magazine and thank them for showcasing the best of Minnesota to the entire nation.

IN HONOR OF ARMY SGT. CRAIG  
DAVIS OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fine American, a devoted husband and son, and beloved father who gave his life serving our Nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sgt. Craig Davis, 37, served with the U.S. Army's 603rd Transportation Company, 142nd Corps Support Battalion—part of the Warrior Brigade stationed at Fort Polk in Louisiana. On the 8th of January, he and eight of his fellow soldiers were killed when their helicopter was shot down near Fallujah, Iraq. Craig was on his way to Baghdad for medical treatment at the time of the incident.

Craig leaves behind a wife, Rosalind, and their two children who reside in Fort Polk. Craig's mother is Clara Mae Davis of Opelousas, LA and his father is Lionel Gabriel of Houston, TX. He also leaves behind two stepdaughters: Cathy Gabriel and Sandra Gabriel.

Craig dedicated his life to military service, joining the Army immediately upon his graduation from Opelousas High School in 1984. Family and friends describe him as a "team player" who approached every assignment with strength and determination.

On January 8, he undoubtedly approached what would be his last assignment with that same strength. He bravely gave his life to help make this world a better place for his two children and indeed for us all.

Mr. Speaker, please join Craig's friends, family and me as we honor his memory and thank him for his heroic service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DONA GUY

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute today to a remarkable

woman from my district. Dona Guy is a beloved figure in Durango, Colorado who has touched the lives of countless people. Dona is retiring this year after 18 years of service to Fort Lewis College and I am honored to rise and recognize her contributions to the college and her community.

Dona has dedicated her life to young people. Countless Fort Lewis students and alumni consider Dona their adopted grandmother. She began her career working in the school's records office and will retire from her current position as the school's Assistant Athletic Director. Dona has always gone beyond the call of duty in her work and her tremendous service has not gone unnoticed. She has been the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Fort Lewis College Outstanding Staff Award.

Dona's school spirit is legendary. Her intense and contagious cheering has been credited with inspiring numerous Sky Hawk victories. In addition, Dona provides a great deal of time and effort to various school groups, including the Talon Club, the Sky Hawk Angels and the Athletic Advisory Committee. For her dedication to the school's athletic program, Dona has received the Joanne Parish Outstanding Spectator Award, as well as the President's Spirit Award. Dona truly embodies Fort Lewis school spirit.

Dona's contributions to the Durango community reach far beyond her work at Fort Lewis College. In a recent ceremony to celebrate Dona's retirement, two hundred and fifty students, friends, family members and fellow citizens gathered to pay tribute to Dona. Those who spoke recounted fond memories of times when Dona had enhanced their lives, not only through her work with the school, but through her involvement in the community as well.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to call the attention of this body of Congress and our nation to Dona Guy. In her service to Fort Lewis College, Dona has served as a mentor and friend to countless students and faculty members. In addition to her work, Dona has happily served as a wonderful wife, mother and friend. Thank you Dona, I hope you enjoy your retirement.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF  
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to praise some admirable residents of Lawrence County, in the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania who will soon be honored by 4-H at the annual Lawrence County 4-H Banquet. I am proud to represent such dedicated individuals who give so much back to their community every year.

The recipients of these awards have excelled in numerous categories including, Jr. Leaders, Club Achievements, Leader Recognition, Collegiate Scholarships, and outstanding 4-H Members. The commitment to helping the community that these individuals display serves as an inspiration.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these fine

individuals and their efforts to improve Western Pennsylvania. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to recognize the leadership of the Lawrence County 4-H.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. JACK  
REID

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of one of our nation's great heroes. Jack Reid, a former Naval Aviator who helped turn the tide of World War II, passed away on December 12, 2003 in Santa Cruz County. Many veterans throughout California and beyond will observe his passing. He was ninety years old.

Mr. Reid was born in Kentucky, in the small town of Bandana, and was an excellent student. However, the hard times of the Great Depression precluded college, so he joined the Navy in 1933. His hard work and dedication to service earned him the chance to attend flight training, which he began in 1937, graduating as a Naval Aviation Pilot in 1938. After receiving his wings, he continued his education, attending the University of Washington and earning a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from LaSalle Extension University in Chicago.

Mr. Reid is perhaps most well known for his role in the Battle of Midway, in the Pacific. On June 3, 1942, he spotted the Japanese fleet 800 miles from Midway Island, allowing Admiral Nimitz and the fleet commanders to prepare and successfully defend their position. In an interview in May of 2002, Mr. Reid commented, "It was the greatest naval battle in the history of the world—a battle we won that we should have lost." What he did not acknowledge was that it was his early action and information that helped save the day, and eventually the war.

His naval service continued after the war, including piloting dignitaries such as Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Admiral Radford, and he finally retired with the rank of Captain after twenty-five years of service. He continued his interest in naval history and aviation, speaking as a panelist before symposiums at the National Air and Space Museum and on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Mr. Reid settled in Aptos, California, in 1967, after a successful second career as a real estate broker and developer. He was a life member of the California Alumni Association and a member of the Who's Who in California, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10110 in Aptos. I have also heard that he was an avid golfer, and enjoyed the many courses available in our area.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this moment to honor Jack Reid for the service he gave to his country, for his continuing efforts to make a difference in the world, and for his significant contributions to the history of naval aviation in World War II. He will be greatly missed by his family, including his wife, Ina Mae Reid; two sons, Hal Reid and Jim Reid; his sister, Berah McKinney; his grandson, Jim Reid and two great grandchildren. His grandson, Steve Reid, preceded him in death in 1991. In addition to his large and loving family, Jack will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

HONORING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WEEK**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join with my colleagues today in honoring national Catholic Schools Week. As a product of a strong Catholic education in Crowley, Louisiana, it is my privilege to commemorate the great resource that Catholic Schools provide for families and children across the country.

Since 1974, we have celebrated this week in an effort to highlight the hard work of the teachers, parents, administration and students who have built and continue to grow our Catholic Schools. A quality education is the foundation of a child's future, and this week recognizes one of the many types of educational choices available our country's young minds.

The State of Louisiana has the highest percentage of private schools in the country, and most of them are Catholic. With over 90,000 students attending over 200 Catholic schools in Louisiana the tradition of a Catholic education remains strong.

For nearly 300 years, Catholic schools in Louisiana have endured and flourished. Capuchin Father Raphael de Luxembourg, pastor of St. Louis parish who founded the St. Ann Street School in New Orleans in 1725, believed "there is nothing upon which the establishment of a colony more essentially depends than upon the education of the young."

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is "A Faith-Filled Future," and I truly believe that more than at any other time in our history that strong faith is a vital foundation. Our children today are faced with situations that none of us could have imagined in our youth. Faith is the stronghold that many of us rely on each day, and Catholic schools across the country build upon the foundation of faith to daily emphasize discipline and values to all they instruct.

It is my pleasure to stand with my colleagues today in extending my best wishes and extreme gratitude to all of those who serve by providing a Catholic education not only based in academia but also in faith.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRED  
VELASQUEZ**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts recently recognized Fred Velasquez from La Jara, Colorado as Colorado's Ranch Conservationist of the Year. Not only is Fred a tremendous steward of the land, but he has also contributed a great deal to the La Jara community. I am proud to call the attention of this body of Congress and our nation to Fred's many accomplishments.

Fred was born and raised in Antonito and graduated from Antonito High School in 1949.

Following graduation, Fred answered his country's call to duty and served in Korea and Japan as a member of the United States Army Medical Corps between 1951 and 1954. Upon returning from duty, Fred became the Deputy County Assessor for Conejos County. From 1968 through 1972, Fred served on the La Jara City Council. In 1972, the people of La Jara elected Fred to serve as their Mayor. As Mayor, Fred contributed a great deal during his four-year term. From 1959 to 1987, Fred owned a branch of the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency and, in 1991, continued his duty to Conejos when he became the County's Weed Supervisor.

In addition to his duties for the City of La Jara, Fred is also a well-respected rancher in the region. Fred's recognition as Ranch Conservationist of the Year stemmed from his leadership in the implementation of soil and water conservation practices. Fred recently restored the land surrounding the Conejos River, which runs through his 500-acre ranch. This has improved the water quality in the river and provided habitat for the many species of wildlife that make their home on the ranch.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Fred Velasquez. Fred's many conservation accomplishments, coupled with his tireless service to our nation and his community, are certainly worthy of recognition. Thank you for your service Fred, and congratulations on a well-deserved award.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ORGA-  
NIZATION OF CHINESE AMERI-  
CANS**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish the membership of the Organization of Chinese Americans a healthy and happy New Year for the year 4702, the year of the Monkey.

The New Year is a time for reflection and thanksgiving for the joys of life and loved ones and I am thankful for the richness that this organization brings to my region. Chinese Americans have made great contributions to Western Pennsylvania and to our nation as a whole and I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them the best year yet in 4702.

I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in wishing the members of the organization of Chinese Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

## IN HONOR OF ANDREW URAM

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise today in honor of Andrew Uram's 81st birthday. A World War II veteran, loving father and grandfather, and upstanding citizen, Andrew Uram embodies the 20th century American Dream.

Born December 18, 1922 to an immigrant father and a first-generation Swedish Danish

American, Andrew was one of eight children of Andy Sr. and Minnie Uram, who met while Mr. Uram was a soldier during the First World War. Andrew continued this tradition, enlisting in the Navy on March 20, 1941—seven months before the United States entered WWII. His initial training was as an aviation machinist in Alaska, however he quickly rose to the rank of Seaman 1st class by the outbreak of the war. Following his service in Alaska, Andrew arrived three days after the invasion of Tawara, located in the South Pacific. There, he saw some of the most intense fighting he ever saw during the war, as his group was bombed throughout the night by Japanese forces. The sound and vibration from the bombs made his whole body ring like a bell, and he lost his hearing in one ear. However, he continued to serve throughout the night and next day with honor; indeed, his Navy career continued for years to come—thirteen in all.

After retiring from the military, Andrew moved with his wife and daughter to Burlington, Washington, and later to California. He continued his work in mechanics, this time with automobiles, retiring as the Senior Auto Mechanic at the garage he worked in. He and his wife retired back to Washington, but have since moved to Soquel, California, to be with their daughter and granddaughter. He continues to be active, and is well known to the birds of the Monterey Bay coastline, where he goes to feed them often.

Andrew Uram has led a long and honorable life, serving his country and raising a wonderful family. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this moment to extend my congratulations as he and his family celebrate his birthday this year.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO STEVE ORTIZ

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you to recognize a tremendous public servant from my district. Trooper Steve Ortiz from Pueblo, Colorado was recently named Outstanding Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year for his tireless dedication to protecting Coloradans from the dangers of illicit drugs. Steve has done a great deal for the betterment of Colorado, and I am proud to call his many contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and our nation here today.

Steve has been a Trooper with the Colorado State Patrol for 13 years. In that time, he has become a leading force in the state's battle against illegal drugs. In 2003, Steve was responsible for the seizure of nearly two million dollars in cash, ninety-five pounds of cocaine and over two hundred and seventy pounds of marijuana. Steve is truly an outstanding officer and his success stems from his perceptiveness, intelligence and dedication to his work. Colorado is truly a safer place as the result of Steve's service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise and pay tribute to Steve Ortiz. Steve has dedicated his life to the people of Colorado and his acts are the embodiment of heroism. I am proud of Steve and his many accomplishments. Congratulations on a well deserved award, Steve. Thank you for your service.

COMMENDING DAVID SCHWARTZ  
ON HIS 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
THE FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. MARK R. KENNEDY**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend David Schwartz on his 34 years of service to the Forest Lake, Minnesota, police department. Among David's accomplishments during his service are mentoring young officers, creating a youth safety camp, and participating in the National Night Out program. His colleagues describe him as a fair and trustworthy person and someone that has always done what he considers best for his community.

Born in 1948, Schwartz and his family moved to Forest Lake in 1964. He graduated from Forest Lake High School and holds degrees from Lakewood Community College, Metro State University and a master's degree in police leadership from St. Thomas University. He and his wife, Lucy, live in Hugo, Minnesota, and have three grown children, Bryan, Matt and Margaret, and two grandchildren.

David began his career as a part-time police officer in 1969 and rose through the ranks until he was promoted to chief in 1979. When he first put on the officers uniform, the department operated with one radio channel for communication and handled about 2,000 calls per year. At his retirement, the Forest Lake police force now uses 16 radio channels, an on-board computer system and radar weather images to handle the 13,000 calls per year they receive.

Chief Schwartz plans to stay busy during his retirement and is looking forward to teaching and doing some writing. He also plans to spend some much deserved time with his family at their cabin in northern Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, Chief David Schwartz has been working to make Forest Lake a safer community for the past 34 years. I join the residents of Forest Lake and all of Minnesota in thanking him for his service to his community and his tireless efforts to make Forest Lake a wonderful place to live.

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to revise and extend my remarks.

I submit to the RECORD the remarks of Dr. Valerie Smith, the Woodrow Wilson Professor of Literature and director of the Program in African-American Studies at Princeton University. Dr. Smith delivered this speech yesterday, January 19, 2004, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As you will see, the speech draws heavily on the words of Dr. King himself. I venture to say that Dr. King's words will continue have more lasting value than anything we say here on the House floor today.

[Keynote Speech, Jan. 19, 2004]

IN MEMORY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY MARTIN LUTHER KING  
DAY CELEBRATION

(By Valerie Smith)

On December 10, 1964, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. accepted the Nobel Prize for Peace. In the speech he delivered on that occasion, he was careful to acknowledge that he accepted the award not on his own behalf, but in the name of all who made the Civil Rights Movement, and thus his leadership, possible.

"From the depths of my heart [he said] I am aware that this prize is much more than an honor to me personally.

"Every time I take a flight I am always mindful of the many people who make a successful journey possible, the known pilots and the unknown ground crew.

"So you honor the dedicated pilots of our struggle who have sat at the controls as the freedom movement soared into orbit. . . .

"You honor the ground crew without whose labor and sacrifices the jet flights to freedom could never have left the earth

"Most of these people will never make the headlines and their names will not appear in Who's Who. Yet the years have rolled past and when the blazing light of truth is focused on this marvelous age in which we live—men and women will know and children will be taught that we have a finer land, a better people, a more noble civilization—because these humble children of God were willing to suffer for righteousness' sake."

On February 9, 1968, Dr. King preached what we might consider to be his own eulogy from the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist. Ebenezer is, of course, the prominent black church in Atlanta in which he grew up, which his grandfather and father had pastored, and which Dr. King co-pastored with his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.

This sermon, entitled "The Drum Major Instinct," was, like so many of his sermons, speeches and writings, at once reflective and prophetic. In it, Dr. King analyzes the human desire for greatness and recognition. He explores various manifestations of this compulsion, from the personal and insignificant to the national and cataclysmic. For from his perspective, the desire among individuals "to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction," is linked to the struggle among nations "engaged in a bitter, colossal contest for supremacy." As he puts it:

"... Nations are caught up with the drum major instinct. I must be first. I must be supreme. Our nation must rule the world. And I am sad to say [he continues] that the nation in which we live is the supreme culprit. And I'm going to continue to say it to America, because I love this country too much to see the drift that it has taken."

This sermon culminates in Dr. King's eloquent and heartbreaking reflection on how he would like to be remembered. He tells his congregants: "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. Every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards, that's not important. Tell him [sic] not to mention where I went to school. I'd like somebody to mention that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody. I want you to say that day, that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be

able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry. And I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try, in my life, to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

"If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter."

Two months later, these words were broadcast at his funeral.

Each year at this time, as a nation we pause to remember and to honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We typically recall the highlights of his remarkable and all-too-brief career: his leadership of the triumphant Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56; his climactic speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; his receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; his assassination in Memphis in 1968. Furthermore, typically, we replay the most familiar sentences from his most famous speech, a speech we have all come to know as his "I Have a Dream" speech. Those words, of course, include the following: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Without a doubt, the achievements that mark the high points of Dr. King's career are extraordinary. And without a doubt, his words on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 22, 1963, are some of the most eloquent uttered by one of the preeminent orators of his generation or indeed, any other.

But by focusing on the same moments in Dr. King's life, and on a few words from one speech in particular, we, paradoxically, reduce him to the status of an icon. We do a disservice to his memory, to the movement to which he gave so much and in the service of which he died, and to the legacy we seek to honor. For the struggle for freedom and equality preceded and extends beyond what we commonly call the Civil Rights Movement. As he suggests so eloquently in his Nobel acceptance speech, The Movement was and is larger than his leadership. And of course, Dr. King was much, much more than these phrases and these moments.

To limit him to a few words denies the boldness, the complexities and the contradictions of his vision for humanity. To freeze Dr. King at these moments of his greatest visibility is to ignore his frailty, his vulnerability, and his transformations. By seizing upon the image of Dr. King at the pinnacle of his success or at the moment of his martyrdom, we risk allowing him to stand in for the Civil Rights struggle in its entirety, thereby rendering invisible the less well-known or indeed unknown foot soldiers without whom there would have been no Movement. To restrict him to these few representations deprives him of the power to inspire us to action. For if we believe that he was somehow fundamentally and essentially greater than or different from who we are, then we render ourselves unable to follow his example. In other words, to limit Dr. King to a few phrases and a few moments makes us complicit with an act of cultural amnesia, perpetuated in the name of memorialization.

Today I ask us to consider how we commemorate Dr. King not to suggest that we as a nation dispense with such ceremonies and celebrations. Rather, I raise these concerns in order to challenge us to work out the most meaningful way to honor his legacy. I want to suggest that as we remember Dr. King, we commit ourselves to a vision of memory as a critical function. Let us draw

inspiration from "The Drum Major Instinct," look beyond the prizes and the fanfare, and seek to explore the deeper, more profound meanings of his life and ministry.

We might use this occasion to question why certain moments in Dr. King's magnificent body of sermons, speeches and writings have achieved canonical status while others are all but forgotten. We might seize this as the opportunity to ask whose interests are served when Dr. King is remembered as the champion of a color blind society and not, for example, as an advocate for the poor or an outspoken opponent of war. Indeed, we might take this opportunity to restore Dr. King's notion of a color blind society to its original meaning. For Dr. King used the term to refer to a society free of racial subordination. Yet various political leaders and pundits have appropriated the notion to justify their opposition to any intervention by the state to eliminate racial subordination.

In the spirit of Dr. King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech, we might use this occasion as a time to commit ourselves to learning more about the lesser-known activists associated with the struggle, men and women such as Septima Clark, E. D. Nixon, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Bob Moses, Diane Nash, Ella Baker, Fannie Lou Homer, Bayard Rustin, as well as the many, many others without whom there would have been no Movement. Perhaps most importantly, we might commit ourselves to a critical, productive engagement with his words and his actions so that we will be able to make his vision come alive for us as we face the challenges of the present moment. For the poverty, inadequate access to education, employment, and health care, discrimination and military aggression against which he struggled are still with us. They may have assumed different forms, but we face them nevertheless. What should we do in our daily lives to honor this drum major for justice, peace and righteousness?

During his lifetime, Dr. King was often criticized for stepping outside the categories into which others sought to confine him, his message and his mission. When, for example, a group of Birmingham clergymen accused him of being an outside agitator, he responded in his 1963 "Letter from Birmingham Jail," that

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

When he was criticized for speaking out against the Vietnam War, and told that "peace and civil rights don't mix," he responded in a sermon entitled "A Time to Break Silence," delivered at the Riverside Church in New York City on March 25, 1967 that he had "a calling . . . beyond national allegiances."

"To me [he continued] the relationship of this ministry to the making of peace is so obvious that I sometimes marvel at those who ask me why I am speaking against the war. Could it be that they do not know that the good news was meant for all men—for Communist and capitalist, for their children and ours, for black and for white, for revolutionary and conservative? Have they forgotten that my ministry is in obedience to the one who loved his enemies so fully that he died for them? What then can I say to the 'Vietcong' or to Castro or to Mao as a faithful minister if this one? Can I threaten them with death or must I not share with them my life?"

As we seek appropriate ways to remember Dr. King, we ought be certain not to limit him in death as his critics sought to limit him in life. He saw the interconnectedness of diverse struggles against racism, impe-

rialism and economic exploitation. Our tributes to him must draw inspiration from that vision, they must enable us to see beyond our local interests and personal investments, and they must require us to recognize our place in the network of mutuality within which we are inescapably placed.

The brilliant 2001 film *Boycott*, offers a compelling example of memory as a critical function. In *Boycott*, the director Clark Johnson expands our conventional understandings of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This film works to disabuse us of the notion that the Movement began with the boycott by drawing a connection between the segregation of public accommodations and the terror of rural lynch law. It complicates our understanding of the leadership of the Movement by pointing to the significant roles of figures such as Joann Gibson Robinson, E.D. Nixon, and Bayard Rustin. Moreover, it captures Dr. King's youth and vulnerability—at the time the boycott began he was only 26 years old—thus suggesting that he grew into the powerful, charismatic presence we so commonly associate with him.

What I find so impressive about *Boycott* is that it contradicts the notion that memory need be static or fixed. Rather, through its deliberate use of anachronism, it exemplifies how memory can be made pliable, dynamic, active. For example, it contains a dizzying array of visual images from both earlier and later moments in history that subtly link the boycott to previous and subsequent acts of struggle and resistance. It incorporates diverse musical tracks—rock, hip hop, gospel, jazz, alternative—from the '60s, through the '90s—a technique that pulls the boycott out of the safe past in which it has been enshrined. This compelling and imaginative use of the soundtrack prompts viewers to consider the enduring legacy of the boycott for the present.

The film ends with a striking image that dramatizes the kind of critical use of memory to which I've been alluding. The closing credits roll over a shot of Dr. King, played by the actor Jeffrey Wright, walking in 21st century Atlanta. Looking somewhat bemused by the people he passes—a young man carrying a boom box, someone else speaking on a cell phone—he stops to speak with a group of young African American men. A police car approaches, slowing to check out this group of men. The two officers, a Latina and an African American man, wave somewhat ambiguously at King and his associates before they move on.

At one level this final scene would seem to evoke a powerful, nostalgic longing for the martyred King. It might seem to prompt viewers to wonder how different the world would be if Dr. King were still here. But I believe that something else is going on here. I believe that this final scene is meant to inspire us to reflect upon the politics and the act of remembering. The exchange of glances between the officers and the black men on the street conjures up the familiar iconography of the tense relationship between the police and African American communities. In the context of a film about the end of Jim Crow seating on buses in Montgomery, this closing image links the protocols of segregation to the violence and terror communities of color continue to associate with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. This gesture positions the boycott, and by extension the Civil Rights Movement, within a broader history of oppression and resistance. The deliberately anachronistic shot of King speaking to the young men on the corner might thus be read as a figure for the possibility of a critical dialogue between the examples of history and the exigencies of the contemporary cultural and political scene.

I want to close with a passage from the end of King's Nobel Prize speech that speaks

powerfully to the present moment. For even as he honors the men and women with whom he struggled so tirelessly in the Movement, he denounces military aggression and articulates a vision of global peace:

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into a hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow. I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nations, can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men.

I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up. . . .

This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom. When our days become dreary with low-hanging clouds and our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, we will know that we are living in the creative turmoil of a genuine civilization struggling to be born.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHAR SORENSON

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you today to recognize a remarkable woman from my home state of Colorado. Char Sorenson was recently recognized as one of four finalists for Colorado's annual Teacher of the Year Award. Char has dedicated her life to the betterment of young people and I am proud to call the attention of this body of Congress and our nation to her outstanding contributions.

Char is a teacher at Vanderhoof Elementary School in Arvada, Colorado. Char's genuine passion for teaching shines through in the classroom each day. As a teacher, Char works tirelessly to provide her students with the educational foundation that will help them to become effective and successful members of their community. In addition to traditional lessons, Char teaches her students integrity, respect and self-discipline through example.

Char's commitment to the betterment of young people does not end with her position at Vanderhoof Elementary. Char is also devoted to teaching children the wonders of the great outdoors. As a volunteer with the Outdoor Education Laboratory School, Char works to ensure that hundreds of Colorado's students are exposed to the wonders of natural science.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Char Sorenson. Char has dedicated her life to the betterment of young people and all of her students have had their future enhanced by her dedication.

UNVEILING UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMP IN HONOR OF PAUL ROBESON

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I submit to the Record remarks I gave this morning at the unveiling of a United States Postage Stamp in honor of Paul Robeson. He was an impressive American, and these remarks capture my thoughts and feelings on his remarkable, yet tragic, life and accomplishments.

I am honored to be here to recognize Paul Robeson and also to recognize his son Paul Robeson, who himself has done so much for America.

This is just a stamp. But I can hardly express how important this is to me personally.

You see, I grew up in the 1950's. My town was probably no more racially segregated than most of America, and anti-communism was no more at a fever pitch than anywhere else. But I never had heard of Paul Robeson.

When, as a young man, I learned about Paul Robeson I got all his recordings and watched all his movies and read all about him. I marveled at his voice, his intellect, his optimism. Several times as a student I even considered trips to meet him, just to show up at his door and ask to speak with him. But I was told he was in seclusion.

I did not know what I would do if I met him. Say I admired him? Apologize for his mistreatment? As a kid I did not think I could really do anything. Maybe I wanted to know how he got the courage to sacrifice his career by fighting for, what he called, his people.

Mostly I just wanted to meet the person who more than anyone else in America represented for me what had to be fixed.

How could this be? Not how could so much talent be in one person. Rather, how could a talent of this magnitude, a person of such dignity and such accomplishment be rubbed out of the history books? A great actor, singer, writer, linguist and scholar. And how could America, sports crazy America, fail to mention a note-worthy all-American football player. One of the great talents of our age. How much more he offered than so many of the shallow, faintly-talented people whom we celebrate in the papers, on television, and, yes, even on postage stamps. His autobiography and manifesto was not reviewed in a single main-stream publication. I felt cheated. Even as a boy, I considered myself very well informed about the world and about America. How did I not know about his role in the American labor movement? How could the knowledge of Paul Robeson be kept from me. Yes, I felt cheated and angry. Even more, I felt America had been cheated. Why was he denied to my generation? And worst of all, America had cheated itself. It was painful. In the person of Paul Robeson I saw the cost of racism and the cost of patriotic fear. It wasn't just a few vicious bigots. It wasn't just some anti-communist know-

nothings. It was the official policy of my country to commit this injustice. Our country, Paul Robeson's and mine.

And it was happening to the person who had popularized the song "The House I Live In" with the words "... the right to speak my mind out; that's America to me." Someone who had overcome racial exclusion to become one of the best-known and outwardly successful figures in the world, only to be benched. As Lloyd Brown had said, "The spotlight was switched off ... and a thick smokescreen was spread around him."

I could not fix it, and I regretted deeply that I couldn't. Even if I visited him, I couldn't. What could a white kid say, standing on his doorstep? I never met him.

When I heard about the decision of the commemorative stamp committee, I realized that I should bring this ceremony to Princeton, Robeson's birthplace. The irony, you say? That a white elected official would ask to bring this ceremony to Princeton, the town that Robeson himself said "was spiritually located in Dixie" and a home to Jim Crow? To the Princeton University Paul Robeson never could have attended? (Need I say that it hurt Princeton University more than it hurt Paul Robeson. They lost the benefit of a two-time all-American, a national-level debater, a Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian level student, an actor and chorister unmatched in the collegiate world of the day, and they lost the bragging rights to Paul Robeson.) Yes, Princeton was where this ceremony should be.

Paul Robeson said Princeton not only gave him his start; it gave him his grounding. Princeton days were, he said, his "happier" days. After his mother died and his father was removed from his pulpit, the people of Princeton—not so much the white people, although he had white playmates, but the close-knit African-American community—gave him "an abiding sense of comfort and security." He had a Home in that Rock, don't you see? He was adopted, he said, by all of Negro Princeton. In his words: "Hard working people, and poor, most of them, in worldly goods—but how rich in compassion! How filled with the goodness of humanity and the spiritual steel forged by centuries of oppression! There was the honest joy of laughter in these homes, folk-wit and story, hearty appetites for life as for the nourishing greens and black-eyed peas and cornmeal bread they shared with me. Here in this hemmed-in world where home must be theater and concert hall and social center, there was a warmth of song. Songs of love and longing, songs of trials and triumph, deep-flowing rivers and rollicking brooks, hymnsong and ragtime ballad, gospels and blues, and the healing comfort to be found in the illimitable sorrow of the spirituals. Yes, I heard my people singing. ... And there was something else, too, that I remember from Princeton. Something strange, perhaps, and not easy to describe. ... People claimed to see something special about me ... that I was fated for great things." Princeton, he says, gave him what he needed to succeed, what every child needs. Yes, what every child needs, a sense of comfort and security, and a sense of possibility and expectation. We could still give that to every child, couldn't we?

He needed all the strength that was bred into him and more. Years later he was summoned before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee and he was asked, by someone like me, I regret to say, why, if he liked Russia so much on his repeated visits, why didn't he just stay there, he replied in a most imposing voice, "Because my father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, and I'm going to stay right here and have a part of it, just like you. And no fascist-minded people like you will drive me from it. Is that clear?" I suppose the Princeton and Somerville schools did not teach the Dale Carnegie method back then.

Paul Robeson began his autobiography with the sentences, "I am a Negro," and too, "I am an American." When he said that blacks should not fight the USSR, I'm sure he meant that the fight for freedom begins at home. Then, declaring him a security risk the government, our government, revoked his passport—even at a time that we were castigating China and Russia for not allowing their citizens freedom of travel. And as we castigated them for police-state tactics at the same time that we tailed Robeson, tapped his phone, opened his mail, and denied him his livelihood. Why? Out of irrational fear. Out of ill-considered patriotic fervor. Out of, yes, unexamined fear of terrorism. Paul Robeson must have scared the daylights out of America. It wasn't just white America; it was Jackie Robinson who spurned him, and the NAACP, and the leaders of the civil rights movement, and the labor leaders he had championed. Robeson said maybe his watch was fast. Explaining that he was ahead of his time is small consolation. How that must have hurt! The painful isolation, after he had broken the ground, from which a successful civil rights movement grew.

Yes, we can take satisfaction in knowing that the people here in New Jersey made Paul Robeson what he was. Then, too, we must remember we represent what brought him down, what blacklisted him, what crushed his optimism—ordinary Americans. We let it happen. We did it to ourselves.

A stamp does not make it all right. A stamp does not absolve us of our collective responsibility and regret. Too many lives were ruined by the hatred of racism and the fearful excesses of the Cold War. Still, this stamp helps a lot. This is First Class postage! This is official U.S. postage. Every time we affix one of these stamps to a letter—a stamp depicting Paul Robeson with cheerful dignity—let's draw a lesson or two. First, just as the people of Princeton once did for a boy, let's show young boys and girls that there is something special about them; that they can do great things. And second, let us remember that we as a government, we as the media, and we who comprise conventional wisdom can be wrong, painfully wrong. Let us guard against that possibility of self-deception in a skewed view of the world. The Cold War and fear of communism are past, you say? Let us remember that simplistic tests of patriotism appear from time to time in our history and in an unthinking love for our country we can crush the very greatness of America.

## TRIBUTE TO WILL RORVIG

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of an extraordinary man. Will Rorvig, from my home state of Colorado, recently passed away after courageously battling a series of illnesses. Will was known throughout the Denver community for his zest for life, friendly disposition and generous spirit. I am honored to rise today to recognize Will's many contributions to the state of Colorado and our great nation.

Will was raised in Montana and graduated from the University of Montana in 1967. Following graduation, Will answered his country's call to duty, and served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married his lovely wife Lana in 1977.

Will spent his professional career in the field of accounting. Renowned for his brilliance in tax law, Will was widely respected as an outstanding accountant. Over the past six years, Will held the position of Tax Director for the Anschutz Corporation; there he was known not only for his intelligence, but also for his leadership and willingness to mentor less experienced members of his staff.

Will was a beloved figure in Colorado. He delighted in playing golf and meeting for meals with his many friends, business acquaintances and family members throughout Denver. Will is also remembered for his generosity. Not only did Will perform traditional acts of charity, but he also had a unique penchant for generously assisting anyone he encountered whom he perceived needed his help. Will's altruistic nature certainly worked to the betterment of countless individuals less fortunate than himself.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise and pay tribute to Will Rorvig. Will was a generous man, a loyal employee, and a dedicated mentor. Above all, Will was a loving husband to his wonderful wife and a tremendous friend to many. There is no question that the state of Colorado and our nation are better off as the result of Will's contributions. My heart goes out to Will's loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

## FREEDOM FOR EDUARDO DÍAZ FLEITAS!

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Eduardo Díaz Fleitas, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Eduardo Díaz Fleitas is a farmer by trade who became a dissident by necessity. The incessant brutal repression of human rights by the tyrant Fidel Castro forced Mr. Díaz to choose between a life without rights or fighting for a life with freedom.

Mr. Díaz bravely chose to dedicate his life to the fight for freedom. He joined his fellow Cuban dissidents and eventually Mr. Díaz rose to become vice president of the 5 August Movement, an organization commemorating the popular uprising against the dictatorship by the people of Havana on August 5, 1994.

With predictable cruelty, the tyrant, Fidel Castro, unleashed his machinery of repression on Mr. Díaz. According to Amnesty International, Mr. Díaz was subjected to regular harassment, including periods of detention that culminated in one year's restricted freedom and house surveillance for public disorder on February 25, 2000.

Undeterred by threats of continued harassment, Mr. Díaz resumed his role as a staunch advocate for freedom for every Cuban citizen. In the tyrant Castro's horrific March 2003, crackdown on dissidents, Mr. Díaz was arrested once again. According to the sham trial verdict that sentenced Mr. Díaz to 21 years in Castro's gulag, Mr. Díaz was convicted because:

It is known by everyone in the area that he directs an opposition group of so-called 'human rights,' carrying out activities and meetings, using our national flag and showing posters asking for freedom for political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, in a frank challenge to the judicial, political, and social system.

Mr. Díaz was sentenced to 21 years in the hell hole of Castro's gulag because he challenged the bankrupt, backward, repressive system that robs its citizens of every freedom.

Mr. Speaker, today this Congress participates in one of the great traditions of our Republic. This evening, President Bush will deliver the State of the Union speech to a joint session of Congress here in this very chamber. As we gather here to participate in our constitutional responsibility let us also rise as one to display our solidarity with those brave souls who struggle for the same freedoms 90 miles from our shore. Let us demand the immediate release of Eduardo Díaz Fleitas and all prisoners of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

## TRIBUTE TO NIGHTRIDERS INC.

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you to recognize a remarkable organization from the State of Colorado. NightRiders Incorporated of Boulder, Colorado was recently recognized for its innovative approach to protecting Coloradans from the perils of drunk driving with the National Commission Against Drunk Driving's Corporate Leadership Award. I am proud to call the attention of my colleagues and this nation to the contributions that NightRiders is making for the betterment of the Boulder community.

NightRiders has developed a unique way of getting Boulder citizens home from a night out. Upon request, a NightRiders employee rides a collapsible motorized scooter to the patrons' vehicle, places the scooter in the car, and safely transports the customer and their vehicle home. This service provides the passenger

a safe ride while ensuring that our streets are safer for all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to NightRiders Incorporated for its commitment to improving the safety of Colorado's roadways. NightRiders is dedicated to the prevention of drunk driving and the company's achievements are certainly worthy of recognition. I would like to congratulate NightRiders on this well-deserved award.

## IN HONOR OF HAROLD REDDICK

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. JIM DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Harold Reddick, a pioneer in Tampa Bay's civil rights community, who leaves behind a legacy of fighting for a better life for all Floridians.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Harold started his career as a porter for Pullman Co., and went on to serve the Tampa chapter of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. But Harold was born to lead—he was constantly breaking boundaries in his battle for equal rights.

In the early 1940's, traveling all the way to Chicago to plan a march on Washington, Harold fought to open federal government and defense jobs to black workers. Harold shook up Tampa Bay's establishment by attempting to register in the local White Municipal Primary, and he was arrested for trying to patronize an all-white drive-in theater.

A former vice president of the Tampa area chapter of the NAACP and strong supporter of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which helped to organize the Montgomery bus boycott, Harold was not afraid to challenge the old rules. He never let intimidation or violence get in his way.

After leaving the railroad industry, Harold went on to fight for the poor and unemployed. Working for the AFL-CIO's Human Resources Development Institute, Harold helped the less fortunate get back on their feet.

As vice president of the local branch of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the senior constituency group of the AFL-CIO, and as a member of the Florida Silver-Haired Legislature, Harold was an advocate for seniors. And Harold fought for the young as well, serving on various advisory committees to the Hillsborough County School Board, alongside his wife, Doris, a school board member.

Like so many public officials in our community, I had the good fortune to call Harold my friend. I could always count on him for his candid and constructive counsel. Until his last breath, Harold never stopped helping everyone he knew be the best that they could be and helping our community be the best it could be.

Harold Reddick fought for all of us, and thanks to him, our community is stronger. On behalf of the Tampa Bay area, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Harold's family and friends. Harold's legacy will not soon be forgotten.

## TRIBUTE TO JANET JUNKIN

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize a remarkable woman from my home state of Colorado. Janet Junkin was recently recognized as one of four finalists for Colorado's Teacher of the Year Award. Janet has dedicated her life to the betterment of young people and I am proud to call the attention of this body of Congress and our nation to her outstanding contributions.

Janet has been teaching for over two decades. In that time, she has helped to develop the minds and character of countless young people. At the root of Janet's teaching philosophy is her belief that education is a catalyst to creating opportunities for young people. Each of her students has had their future enhanced by Janet's unwavering devotion to their best interests.

In addition to traditional subjects, Janet also works to teach her students the importance of contributing to their community. Each year, Janet's classes undertake various community service projects. This past November, Janet and her class collected 52,000 cans of food for homeless families in the Denver area. By integrating classroom lessons with real life service to others, Janet imparts timeless values to her students that will help them develop into service-oriented adults.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Janet Junkin. Janet's selfless dedication to her students contributes to the betterment of those in her class and society as a whole. Thank you Janet for your service.

## TRIBUTE TO CHARLES F. MCNAMEE

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, Charles F. McNamee was born on January 11, 1911 in the old O'Conner Hospital in San Jose, California. His family had to travel there for the birth because it was the closest hospital to their farm in Hollister 50 miles away. His Irish mother, Agnes Hudner, was born on her family's ranch in Hollister in 1871. His father, Charles, was born in 1874 in Ireland and was brought to the United States at the turn of the century to work as a haberdasher in Hollister. Charlie's uncle John was married to Molly Breen, daughter of Patrick Breen of the ill fated "Donner Party". James Hudner, his grandfather, came to the United States after the potato famine in Ireland. He settled in Hollister by purchasing his land from Col. Hollister in 1868.

Charlie attended Hollister's Sacred Heart Elementary School in the fall of 1916 and later graduated high school there with a class size of eight! He attended Santa Clara University in 1928. There he was able to meet many founders of local industry and government. Dutch Hamann, eventually city manager and largely responsible for the evolution of San Jose from 1950-1969, and was a close friend at the Uni-

versity. It was Dutch who advised him many years later to move to Almaden Valley "as fast as you can" when Charlie's three children evolved to four and outsized his small home in Santa Clara. Vincent Thomas, elected to the California assembly in 1940, was his roommate for his last two years at Santa Clara. Charlie lived in an era that allowed tutoring by Fr. Cornelius J. McCoy, president of the University. Tuition was a "steep" \$400 per semester (including room & board), but being the depression era, he got a half scholarship working in the board of athletic control as a typist. He graduated with a B.S. in Political Economics in May 1933.

After graduation he returned shortly to Hollister to work at the Grangers grocery as a delivery boy until about July 1934. Sounds like a meager job after a college education, but these were hard times where jobs, graduate or not, were just not available. With hay fever and asthma, he soon decided that ranch life was not to his liking and moved to San Jose taking a mail clerk job at Sunsweet Growers (where the Fairmont hotel currently resides). He switched to Western Pacific in the fall of 1940 with a job as a stenographer clerk and a year later transferred to the Western Pacific Main Office in the Mills Building on Montgomery Street in San Francisco.

He resigned Western Pacific in May 1942 to accept a commission as Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Naval Reserve at the bottom of Broadway in Oakland, California. In San Diego he was assigned to the Port Director's office. Commander Earnest transferred him to the Fleet Post office on Navy pier in San Diego. In 1943 he became Officer in charge of the Fleet Post Office at Terminal Island near San Pedro. In the fall of 1944 he was transferred to 7th Amphibious Force in the South Pacific on board the USS *Henry T. Allen* as Postal Officer. He was later promoted to Lieutenant Commander. After the war subsided, he returned to Pearl Harbor in December 1945 and was honorably discharged.

In 1946 he returned home to Hollister. After reminiscing with some Navy buddies down south, he returned to Sunsweet eventually becoming their Traffic Manager.

On October 26, 1946 he married Genevieve Washburn at the old St. Leo's church and began the first year of a fifty-three year marriage. He had three daughters and a son. His Catholic faith saw him assist with the building of three local churches: St. Justin's, Holy Spirit and St. Anthony's. He first settled in Campbell, moved to Santa Clara in 1952 with the arrival of a son and then to Almaden Country Club in 1961 after the arrival of his 3rd daughter and final child.

He was diagnosed with cancer in 1972 and given a few months to live by his doctor at O'Conner hospital. The tumor was too large to remove so no operation was performed. He retired immediately from Sunsweet. With faith and an herbal remedy, the tumor diminished and he soon returned to good health. He then got interested in the "Sons in Retirement" (SIRS) and held several positions there including the CEO post called "Big Sir". In 1996 he received an honorary life membership for his work.

Charlie began to enjoy golf at Almaden as a charter member when his children entered adolescence but had to wait until his 80th year to score his first hole-in-one. Ironically he had his second one a decade later at 90 years of

age! Charlie still drives, plays golf three times a week, and leads a very active life at 93 years of age.

## HONORING HARRY NASH SYKES

**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Starkville, Mississippi and honored a native son and civil rights leader, Harry Nash Sykes. During his life he overcame adversity to excel as a public servant, educator, and athlete.

Sykes was born on April 1, 1927 to Marie Hall Sykes and P.K. Sykes in Starkville, Mississippi. He spent his early childhood years there and when he was 16, his family, led by his father P.K. Sykes, a tenant farmer and part-time minister, moved to Chicago.

While still in school, Sykes worked in a can factory for 72 cents an hour to help support his family. After World War II, he combined athletics with academics and became a four-sport star in high school, graduating in 1948 to attend Kentucky State University on a basketball and track scholarship. Sykes earned a bachelors degree in physical education from Kentucky State and later earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Minnesota.

After graduating from Kentucky State University in 1952, Sykes joined the world famous Harlem Globetrotters through the 1954 season. From 1954 until 1962, he taught high school mathematics for the Lexington Public School System at Dunbar High School and coached the Junior High School's basketball team. Sykes built a diverse business career as an insurance salesman, the Business Development Officer for Second National Bank, a real estate broker, and the Contract Compliance Officer with Frankfort, Kentucky's Department of Finance.

In 1963, Sykes was elected as the first African American councilman for the city of Lexington. He was reelected in 1965, 1967 and 1969. Between 1967 and 1969, Sykes also served as Mayor Pro-Temp. In 1971, he ran for Mayor of Lexington, but lost by a narrow margin. From 1972 to 1974, he served as Acting City Manager and, from 1974 until 1975, worked as the Acting Chief Administration Officer (CAO) for the Urban County Government.

Sykes served his community on various boards and commissions including the Board of Management of the YMCA and the Historical Pleasant Green Baptist Church. In 1968, he founded the Lexington-Fayette County Urban League and served as president until 1972. Sykes has been honored with numerous awards, including the Outstanding Citizen's Award by the Council of Christians and Jews in 1969.

Sykes is married to Geraldine Higgins Sykes and has five children: Harry, Melvin, Paula, Kevin and Kermit and members of their extended family still live in Starkville and Oktibbeha County, where Sykes is remembered and proudly called a son of Mississippi.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE BODO

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Archie Bodo from Durango, Colorado passed away recently at the age of 94. Archie contributed a great deal to the Durango community, and it is my honor today to rise and pay tribute to his life before this body of Congress and our nation.

Archie was born on his family's vegetable farm in Durango in 1909. After growing up on the farm, Archie attended the Ford Motor Company School in Detroit, where he was trained as a machinist. Upon returning to Colorado, Archie opened a successful machine shop in Durango. In 1931, Archie married his wife of 72 years, Hazel Lemon. Although they had no children, the couple selflessly adopted and raised Hazel's niece and nephew as their own. In 1983, Archie retired after 37 years of devoted service to the City of Durango.

Archie had a true zest for life. Renowned for his sense of adventure, Archie was an avid vehicle enthusiast who enjoyed car racing, building motorcycles and off road driving. Ar-

chie also delighted in gardening, roller-skating and discussing politics with his friends. Archie always shared his enthusiasm for sport with others and countless Durango residents had their lives enhanced as the result of his friendship and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Archie Bodo. Archie's love of life and altruistic nature set a fine example for all Coloradans. Archie was a fine businessman and a friend to many. Above all, Archie was a tremendous father figure, and a devoted and loving husband. My thoughts go out to Archie's loved ones in this difficult time of bereavement.